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SUBJECT : Possible Special Research Contingency Topics, for  
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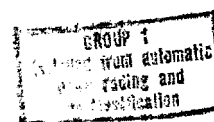
[REDACTED] in response to Chet's request of the recent Seminars, herewith some quick thoughts on possible subjects for consideration:

1. US and Soviet coincidences of interest with respect to Communist China. I feel that much of Washington thought on this subject, to date, has been sloppy and, on the part of some, overly wishful. There is real need of hard and imaginative looks at various items involved in the questions of: a nuclear-armed China, the Indochina area, and India. And not only careful analysis of the situation in each aspect, but a realistic look at the pros and cons of various possible US initiatives -- and of how to field any sudden Soviet initiatives.
2. The outbreak of border hostilities between Soviet and Chinese Communist units: significance for the US, and how to play it.
3. US ways and means re Vietnam over the long term (essentially military and strategic.)
4. Consideration of becoming more discriminating in US world commitments:

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